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SUBJ: CODEL GILMAN

1. CODEL AND MRS. GILMAN PLUS STAFFERS BELLIS AND BEHANY DEPARTED BANGKOK PM JANUARY 14 FOR VIENTIANE AS SCHEDULED. AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR 13 JANUARY CODEL HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS ON POW/MIA'S AND SEATO. AN APPOINTMENT WAS MADE FOR REP GILMAN WITH SEATO SEC GEN SUNTHORN AND CODEL MET WITH SUNTHORN AM JANUARY 14. HERE DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON PRESENT PLANS AND ACTIONS OF THE NEWLY RESTRUCTURED SEATO WHICH IS NOW LESS ORIENTED TOWARD MILITARY PLANNING AGAINST OVERT AGGRESSION. CODEL ALSO MET WITH MISSION'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR, DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, WHERE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD ON INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFIC FROM "GOLDEN TRIANGLE" AND SE ASIA TO NORTH AMERICA. CODEL ALSO ASKED FOR BACKGROUND BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON EXILED DEPUTY PM PRAPHAT AND COLONEL NARONG; COPIES OF NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM EMBASSY FILES WERE GIVEN TO CODEL.

2. CODEL APPEARED TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN THESE FACETS OF THE EVOLVING SITUATION IN THAILAND AND SE ASIA. HIS APPROACH WAS LOWKEY AS HE ABSORBED A MULTITUDE OF DETAILS.

3. EMBASSY WILL ASSIST CODEL'S TRANSIT OF BANGKOK'S DON MUANG AIRPORT PM JANUARY 17.

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